

BOMB AIMED AT MEETING OF MASONS

CONFESSES HE SLEW FATHER, STEPMOTHER

Richard Champlain, 22, Only Heir to Estate He Admits He Burned.

BODIES FOUND IN RUINS

Michigan Youth Killed Parents and Fired House to Conceal Crime.

SAGINAW, Mich., Nov. 17.—Richard Champlain, 22 years old, charged Thursday with the murder of his stepmother, Mrs. Adrian Champlain, confessed Thursday night to Under-Sheriff Charles Hodges, County Detective John J. Land and Miss Clara A. Humpert, his sweetheart, the officers announced.

Champlain was quoted as saying he shot and killed his father and stepmother Monday afternoon and set fire to the house that night to cover up the crime.

The father was not mentioned in the charge, owing to lack of supporting evidence.

Quarreled Over Girl

Champlain told the officers and Miss Humpert, it was said, that he shot his parents after a quarrel with them over the girl, to whom they objected because of religious differences.

Pros. Atty. Crane announced Champlain would be taken into circuit court Friday, where he had agreed to plead guilty.

Girl Brings Confession

The confession, officers stated, was made voluntarily after Miss Humpert visited Champlain's cell and urged him to tell the truth. It was the first time Miss Humpert, a school teacher at Reese, Mich., had met him since the finding of his parents' bodies Monday night, and his subsequent arrest.

During the afternoon he had reiterated his claim to innocence when visited by Mrs. Francis Emmett, his sister, and the only other surviving member of his family.

The Original Complainant

The complaints against young Champlain had charged that he killed his step-mother by striking her on the head with a hammer and then fired the house. No charge has been made against him in connection with the death of his father.

Son Was Only Heir

According to county authorities, Adrian Champlain, whose farm was one of the most extensive in Saginaw county, recently disinherited a daughter, leaving the son as the only heir.

MRS. MARK HANNA

EXPIRES SUDDENLY

Widow of the Former Senator

Dies at Her Home in Washington.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17.—Mrs. Mark Hanna, widow of the former senator, died tonight at her residence here.

Mrs. Hanna had been ill for about a week before her death which resulted from heart disease. She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Mollie McCormick, wife of Sen. McCormick of Illinois, and Mrs. Harry Parsons, of Cleveland, and a brother, James Ford Rhodes, historian. A son, Dan R. Hanna, died suddenly only a few days ago.

D. U. R. MUST REMOVE

TWO LINES FROM CITY

DETROIT, Mich., Nov. 17.—An ordinance adopted at the recent election requiring the Detroit United Railway to remove its tracks from two of the city chief thoroughfares will be suspended pending consideration of a new proposal by the company, it was announced from the city hall Thursday. Under the ordinance the company would be required to tear up approximately ten miles of double track to make room for municipally owned traction lines. The company now proposes joint use of the tracks by the city and the Detroit United.

MAIL BANDITS' TRIAL

TO BE RUSHED BY U. S.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17.—Roy Gardner, escaped mail bandit captured Tuesday night in Phoenix, Ariz., while attempting to rob a mail car, will be brought to trial on the new charge as quickly as possible, instead of being returned to the penitentiary to complete a former sentence. This announcement was made Thursday by department of justice officials.

MARION DAVIES, FILM

STAR, CRITICALLY ILL

NEW YORK, Nov. 17.—Marion Davies, motion picture actress, is critically ill of pneumonia at her home on Riverside dr. Five physicians were in attendance Thursday.

GOPHERS ON HOP

MINNEAPOLIS, Nov. 17.—The University of Minnesota cross-country team left Thursday for Bloomington, Ind., to participate in the conference cross-country championship race there Saturday.

Armament's "Inside Story" And "Big Idea" Behind It Credited to Pres't. Harding

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17.—Who formulated and executed the call for the armament conference? Who evolved the American proposals for naval limitation?

The country has been asking these questions for the last week and has been hearing a variety of answers.

Best "inside" story in Washington has all the earmarks of being the correct answer.

Pres't. Harding, on one of his week-end cruises down the Potomac early this autumn, so the story runs, locked himself in his stateroom one evening and left word that he did not wish to be disturbed because he was writing. A little later the president called to his room, one by one, some of the close friends in public life who accompanied him and laid before them some spots of paper on which he had written with lead pencil and with frequent corrections and interlineations, something that all saw with amazement and interest.

It was the invitation to the nations to the arms conference.

After some conference among the party it was decided to forward the text to Sec'y Hughes and the yacht Mayflower, laid up for the night in the still waters of a secluded cove in the reaches of a river, buzzed off from her wireless that night to the state department the words that later were to ring around the world.

Of course, the preliminary diplomatic feeler was transmitted to the nations concerned, but it is said the text of the final and formal invitation as it later went out was substantially the same as Pres't. Harding had conceived it that night while resting on the yacht Mayflower.

The evolution of the concrete American proposals for naval limitation—Sec'y Hughes' bombshell—has been a story still another story.

Some admirers have ascribed them to Sec'y Hughes alone, while some other persons have declared they were the composite effort of the four American delegates.

The Great Secret.

The great secret, to which Arthur J. Balfour referred so artistically in his address of Tuesday, must indeed have been well kept, because it was not until the world at the first session in London last week that the number included the four American delegates and Pres't. Harding. The others worked on various phases of the proposal. It is known, of course, that the Japanese proposals from the navy department, and it was carried into execution by the American "Big Four," which Sec'y Hughes heads, but the "big idea" on which the plan is built, "inside story" says, comes from Pres't. Harding.

CHINESE PROPOSALS

OKAY, KATO ASSERTS

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17.—Japanese acceptance of the proposals of the Chinese delegation as the "basis of discussion in committee" by the Pacific and far-eastern conference, was announced Thursday by Baron Kato, heading the Japanese group.

The baron said he had no objection to expressing the Chinese proposals in principle for that purpose.

Baron Kato also announced that Japan would ask modification of the American naval limitation program which would permit Japan to maintain a "general tonnage slightly greater than 60 percent."

Baron Kato's statement was made at a conference of newspaper men. It was assumed generally that the slightly greater general tonnage the Japanese desired would include the battleship Mutsu, probably just commissioned, and that the type of defensive vessel referred to was a light cruiser suitable for patrolling the waters of the orient against pirates and the like.

The Mutsu is a ship of some 35,000 tons armed with eight 16-inch rifles. She is comparable to the American Maryland class and, according to Sec'y Hughes' program, each nation would retain but one ship of this class.

JERSEY CENTRAL SELLS

HUGE COAL HOLDINGS

NEW YORK, Nov. 17.—The sale by the Jersey Central Railroad of New Jersey of its holding in the Lehigh Valley and Wilkesbarre Coal company to a syndicate formerly identified with the latter together with local interests, involves approximately \$32,500,000, according to reports current in the financial district on Thursday.

This is one of the largest transactions affecting any of the important anthracite properties in the Pennsylvania since the general decree issued by the United States supreme court directing all railroads owning coal lands to separate them from parent companies.

NEW ALBANY BOY, 13,

KILLED UNDER TRAIN

NEW ALBANY, Nov. 14.—Frank Tilden, 13 years old, feared he would be late for school Thursday afternoon. To hasten his progress he started to climb between cars of a slowly moving freight train. He fell and the wheels of several cars passed over him, killing him.

STEAMER SINKS; 40 SAVED.

CINCINNATI, O., Nov. 17.—The Ohio river steamboat Chilo struck a submerged wharf at New Richmond, O., Thursday night and sank in five minutes. New Richmond is 15 miles northeast of Cincinnati. Forty persons on board the Chilo were rescued.

THE WEATHER.

Indiana: Local rains Friday and Saturday; colder Sunday. Lower Michigan: Rain in south and rain possibly changing to snow in north portion Friday; colder Friday; Saturday snow and colder.

DEMOCRATIC ATTACK ON NEWBERRY BEGUN

Sen. Pomerene Charges Plot to Keep Michigander From Testifying.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17.—The democratic attack on the proposal to declare Truman H. Newberry the duly-elected senator from Michigan in the contest launched by Henry Ford, his opponent in the 1918 election, was opened in the senate Thursday by Sen. Pomerene of Ohio, ranking democrat on privileges and elections committee.

In a four hour speech the Ohio senator assailed republican methods and republican senators, declaring they planned to deny the Ford claims by political rather than judicial decisions.

Mr. Pomerene did not complete his speech, giving way to other senators who wanted to discuss the anti-beer bill which is to come up for a vote Friday.

"The privileges and election committee," he declared, "had blocked every effort he had made to have Mr. Newberry himself come before it."

"You would not have to ask me or order me to come before the committee if I were contesting the case," Mr. Pomerene shouted. "I would have broken into that committee with a sledge hammer if I could have gotten in no other way."

Turning to the republican side he inquired why there had been no effort to tell what the defense of this "quasi senator" was, against the charges filed. He also discussed the testimony of witnesses before the committee in an attempt to show that they had not told the whole story and that the committee had reported the resolution to deny the Ford claims without gathering all the evidence available.

The heated controversy which marked Wednesday's discussion was evident throughout the session Thursday.

Chairman Spencer of the privileges and elections committee interrupted many times to demand explanations of statements made by the Ohio senator and these interruptions in which several senators participated.

'DRY' CONVICTION AT

MUNCIE SUSTAINED

Verdict Against "Soft Drink" Parlor is Upheld by Supreme Court.

INDIANAPOLIS, Nov. 17.—Conviction under the prohibition law of Walter Smith, keeper of a Muncie "soft drink" parlor, was sustained Thursday by the supreme court affirming the Delaware circuit court.

Smith was found guilty of selling whisky on Oct. 3, 1920, and fined \$100 and sentenced to jail for 30 days.

The only error assigned by Smith's appeal was the contention that the verdict was contrary to law, but in its decision the supreme court said:

"We have carefully examined the evidence in the record and fail to find where in the verdict is not supported by the evidence, and therefore conclude that it is not contrary to the law."

STORES LOOTED IN

TEUTON FOOD RIOTS

German Government is Criticized for Failure to Suppress Profiteers.

BERLIN, Nov. 17.—Food riots occurred Thursday in many parts of Berlin and the suburbs.

Large bodies of unemployed looted the provision stores.

In the Reichstag the government has failed to meet many criticisms for its failure to suppress profiteering which has forced up the cost of living.

OIL MERGER APPROVED.

NEW YORK, Nov. 17.—Stockholders of the Union Oil Co. of Delaware, in special session Thursday, unanimously approved the proposed merger of the company with the Royal Dutch Petroleum Co., over 800,000 shares being represented in person or by proxy. The ratification enables the two corporations to begin creation of a new corporation, as yet unnamed.

INDUSTRIAL ALCOHOL

CO. ISSUES DIVIDEND

NEW YORK, Nov. 17.—The board of directors of the United States Industrial Alcohol company voted on Thursday to pass its current quarterly dividend on common stock.

The previous dividend was at the rate of four percent per annum. The board is of the opinion, said a statement issued by the directors, "that it is more in the interest of the stockholders to conserve the resources of the company."

Representative English Beauty



LADY DIANA MANNERS.

Lady Diana Manners has recently been chosen by E. O. Hoppe, London photographic artist, as England's representative in the "Book of the World's Fairest Women." He won't tell yet who is to represent America in the volume.

UNIONISTS ENDORSE IRISH NEGOTIATIONS WITH RESERVATIONS

Attitude Expressed by Amendment to Resolution Moved by Col. Gretton.

LIVERPOOL, Nov. 17.—By an overwhelming majority, the unionist party, in session here Thursday, endorsed with certain reservations, the negotiations now in progress between the British government and the Irish representatives.

The attitude was expressed by an amendment to a resolution moved by Col. John Gretton, member of parliament for Rutlandshire, calling upon the conference to resolve that no settlement of the Irish question was acceptable which did not respect absolutely the position acquired by Ulster through the creation of a northern parliament.

The amendment to the resolution expressed the earnest hope that "consistent with the supremacy of the crown, the security of the empire, the pledges given to Ulster and the safeguarding of the interests of the minority in South Ireland—a solution to the Irish difficulty may be found in the conference now in progress which will bring peace to Great Britain and Ireland and strengthen the empire."

HOME LEADERSHIP CHALLENGES CHURCH

National Conference of Methodist Episcopal Closes at Detroit.

DETROIT, Mich., Nov. 17.—A challenge to the church to assume the leadership in the home and in various phases of public life was sounded by speakers here Thursday at the national conference of the Methodist Episcopal church.

At the closing conference session Thursday night Bishop Edwin H. Hughes, of Boston, in a summing up of the results of the three-day meeting, declared the work of the conference must be a new church will meet here Friday and Saturday to map plans for the meeting of the entire council next Monday and Tuesday.

AGED MAN AND WOMAN

ATTACKED BY ROBBERS

GREENSBURG, Pa., Nov. 17.—Mrs. Allen Braithwaite, 72 years old, was killed and her aged husband was severely beaten by robbers who entered their farm home two miles from here Thursday. The men escaped after robbing the house.

According to the story told by Braithwaite, the robbers entered the house and demanded money. Before he could answer them one of the men seized a stick of stove wood and beat Mrs. Braithwaite to the floor. They then attacked him.

UKRAINIAN REVOLT

REPORTED SPREADING

BERLIN, Nov. 17.—A special dispatch received here from Lemberg reports that the insurrection in Ukraine is spreading. Kiev and a number of cities in Podolia have been invested by insurgents who have succeeded in disarming 44 red army divisions. The dispatch adds that the red troops are badly demoralized on account of hunger and are deserting on mass and murdering the Jewish commissars.

ELECTION IS CONTESTED.

EVANSVILLE, Ind., Nov. 17.—Republican party leaders, following a conference with attorneys Thursday, announced that a contest of the municipal election held Nov. 8 will be filed. Benjamin Rowe, democratic state chairman, was elected mayor for the third time by a plurality of 957, according to the election board's figures. All other democratic candidates, except one candidate for councilman, were also elected.

VETERAN DIRECTOR DIES.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Nov. 17.—Louis Sostman Lewis, 91 years old, who for 41 years taught physical culture here and for 28 years was physical instructor at Girard college, died Thursday of the infirmities of old age.

PARLEY WAITS ON JAP REPLY TO FAR EAST

Objections, Too, Slow Up U. S. Move for Limitation of Naval Armament.

"BIG NINE" SPURS TASK

Adjourn, However, Until Saturday, Pending Word From Nippon Empire.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17.—The far eastern negotiations await the reply of Japan to China's declaration of rights and the American move for limitation of naval armaments is slowing up because of objections raised by both Japan and Great Britain.

Discussion of the far-eastern problems, which for the moment are in the foreground of the arms conference, were advanced by the "Big Nine" Thursday to the point of an agreement that a general exchange of views on China's program should precede any consideration of specific points.

Such a general presentation of views Japan was unprepared to make and the "Big Nine" adjourned until Saturday.

Would Modify U. S. Plan.

Meantime, Japan made known formally her desire to modify the American plan of naval limitation so as to give her a slightly greater relative strength and the opposition of the British to the submarine quota suggested by the United States gave evidence of such determination as to attract the attention of the whole body of delegates.

The day's work seemed to indicate that the first impetus of the conference was giving way to a period of more deliberate discussion which might preclude the possibility of outstanding developments for the immediate future. Plans were made, however, to tackle the third big job of the conference, the limitation of land armament, early next week at an open session at which Premier Briand will make a far-reaching decision on the views of France.

Method of Procedure.

The "Big Nine's" session of far-eastern questions Thursday was largely given over to a discussion of the method of procedure. The decision to permit each of the powers to present a general statement on the subject before attempting to settle specific questions.

A contributing factor to the two day's delay was said to be the illness of Baron Shidehara, the Japanese representative.

NEW YORK WOMAN

FOILS FIVE BANDITS

Escapes From Wire Bonds and Succeeds in Routing Yeggmen.

NEW YORK, Nov. 17.—Escaping from wire bonds with which she had been tied to a chair, Mrs. L. D. Grumpy, night clerk at the Central club of nurses, Thursday foiled the efforts of five masked bandits to rifle the club safe.

When Mrs. Grumpy was confronted by four of the robbers, all with revolvers leveled at her head, she fell in a faint, recovering a few minutes later to find herself bound to her chair.

After struggling nearly a half hour she managed to free one of her hands. It was a matter of a few minutes to release the other strands of wire and then Mrs. Grumpy tipped across the room, climbed through an open window, leaping down to the alleyway outside, went in search of a policeman.

When she returned with the policeman the robbers had discovered her escape and fled, leaving their safe-cracking job half done.

MINERS AND OFFICIALS

DIFFER ON WALKOUT

DENVER, Colo., Nov. 17.—Statements by officials of the Colorado Fuel and Iron company and by mine union officers differed materially on Thursday over the extent of a walkout of miners in Las Animas and Huerfano counties in protest against a 30 percent wage reduction.

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Auburn-Beakers! Watch Your Hip! The Hunt Is On!

DETROIT, Mich., Nov. 17.—A national civilian vigilance organization designed to aid in prohibition enforcement was launched here Thursday at a meeting attended by Roy B. Haynes, federal prohibition commissioner, federal, state and municipal liquor officers and representatives of reform and civic bodies.

Proposed at first as a purely state organization, the movement to make it nationwide followed endorsement by Commissioner Haynes.

GET ARBUCKLE JURY

THEN LOSE 12TH MAN AND HIT NEW SNAG

Opinion of Last Talesman on "Circumstantial Evidence" Delays Trial.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 17.—After counsel for both sides had accepted definitely a jury to try Roscoe C. (Baty) Arbuckle on a manslaughter charge admissions by one of the 12 about to be sworn in set the attorneys back at picking out a twelfth juror late Thursday. As a result Thursday's session ended with the jury incomplete.

George R. Morgan was the man who blocked the proceedings. He informed the court he wished to change his answers to certain questions asked him and then announced he had formed an opinion "on the weight of circumstantial evidence."

The prosecution then used its last peremptory challenge to excuse Edward Pausel, called in place of Morgan. This also was the last peremptory challenge available for either side.

Examination of prospective jurors was speeded up Thursday. Interest in the case apparently reached its lowest point since Arbuckle formally was accused of causing the death of Virginia Rappe, film actress, through injuries inflicted at a party he gave in his rooms at the Hotel St. Francis here.

The opinion was general in the court room that if Landru could make the prosecution charges his most surely will be acquitted, but that if he fails to do so he will be guillotined.

RECOUNT DEMANDED IN MARION ELECTION

Two Defeated (Rep.) Ask Vote Quiz.

MARION, Ind., Nov. 17.—A recount of ballots cast in a recent city election, in which George R. Daniels, republican, was elected mayor by a plurality of 7 votes, has been asked in petitions filed in the circuit court by his two defeated rivals, J. M. Wallace, democrat, and Harry Oatis, socialist, because of alleged mistakes and irregularities.

Content actions will be filed Friday.

The socialists are also contesting the election of B. C. Brimacombe, republican, the councilman-at-large, claiming that because he had not taken out final naturalization papers his election is illegal.

The socialists are also asking a recount of the councilmanic vote in the ward five where their candidate, Harvey Diehl, tied with Harley Faulkner, republican, each receiving 35 votes. A contest for the seat will also be filed by the socialists.

ANTI-BEER MEASURE

COMING UP FRIDAY

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17.—The anti-beer bill will come before the senate Friday on the question of agreeing to the conference compromises between the two houses.

The conference report, he most accepted by the house and there was every indication Thursday night that fewer than a dozen votes would be recorded against final passage in the senate, although a desperate fight has been waged for several months against the bill.

The proximity of the vote, which was agreed upon for Friday by unanimous consent last month, was apparent Thursday when the subject of beer bubbled forth in the discussion of the Ford-Newberry contest.

\$2,250 IN BONDS

STOLEN FROM BANK

MUNCIE, Ind., Nov. 17.—Officials of the Farmers State bank at Oakville, south of here, announced on Thursday that yeggs obtained \$2,250 in Liberty bonds and government stamps when they looted safely deposit boxes Wednesday. Of the bonds stolen, registered securities totalling \$500 and stamps stolen amounted to \$1,250.

Officials of Oakville (Ind.)

Bank Make Report of Bandits' Loot.

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HIGH EXPLOSIVE FOUND OUTSIDE BIG CONCLAVE

Hundreds of Lives Imperiled by Charge Which Fails to Explode.

RAIN SAVES THRONG

Lighted Fuse Put Out by Downpour—Police Have No Clue as Yet.

LAWRENCE, Mass., Nov. 17.—A bomb, the lighted fuse of which had been extinguished by the rain, was found Thursday night on the steps of the state armory, where a large convulsion of Masons were celebrating commencement of work on a new temple.

FRENCH 'BLUEBEARD'

TO PRODUCE 'VICTIM'

VERSAILLES, Nov. 17.—A dramatic announcement made in open court Thursday by Henri Landru that he would produce before the court one of the missing women the prosecution charges him with having murdered, proved the climax of the trial of the so-called "Bluebeard of Gambais."

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